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PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 12th February, 1954

SUBJECT.—*Import of wheat for Flour Mills.*

No. 13-ITC(P.N.)/54.—In their Public Notice No. 122-ITC(PN)/53, dated the 5th September, 1953 the Government of India had announced their decision to permit export of wheat flour by Roller Flour Mills in order to enable them to establish their pre-war markets on the condition that an equivalent quantity of wheat will be imported by them to replace the stocks of wheat released to the Mills in the first instance from Government stocks for conversion into flour for export.

2. The Government of India have reviewed the position further and have decided to entertain applications for import of a limited quantity of wheat by the Roller Flour Mills in advance of the export of wheat products subject to a fixed overall ceiling. Applications should be made to the Chief Controller of Imports who will issue licences in consultation with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture for so long as the overall ceiling is not reached. The issue of licences will, however, be subject to the following conditions:—

- (i) The Mills would be granted import licence for double the quantity of wheat required by them for conversion into wheat products (Atta, Maida, Suji or Rawa) for export purposes.
- (ii) On arrival, the imported wheat will be handed over to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture who will place at the disposal of the importing Mill an equal quantity of wheat from their own stocks.
- (iii) At the time of clearance of the wheat from Customs the Mills will execute a bond to the effect that
 - (a) at least half the quantity of wheat obtained by the Flour Mills in exchange of their imports will be converted into wheat products (Atta, Maida, Suji or Rawa) and exported within 6 months of the date of taking over the wheat in exchange from Government. The wheat products so exported shall not be less than 60 per cent., in the case of fines (Maida, Suji or Rawa) only and 80 per cent., in the case of Atta or Atta and fines together by weight of the wheat processed for export purposes. If a flour mill fails to export whole or a part of the quantity required to be exported under this arrangement within the prescribed period, it will be assumed that the Mill concerned has put it into internal consumption, in which case it will pay to Government of India the difference between the landed cost of the wheat to it and the price fixed for issue of wheat to the Mills for the manufacture of fines for internal consumption.

- (b) The balance of the wheat will be allowed to be sold in the country after conversion into fines (Maida, Suji or Rawa) and for this quantity of wheat the Mill will pay to Government at least Rs. 3 per maund (i.e. the difference between the pool price and the price fixed for issues of wheat for the manufacture of fines for internal consumption excluding the extra charges of As. -/9/- per maund).
- (c) The balance profit accruing to the Mill on the sale of fines in the country would be utilised by the Mill to cover the loss, if any, in export of wheat products. If subsequently it appears on examination that the Mills are making more profit in the sale of fines from the balance of the wheat in the internal market than is covered by Rs. 3/- payable to the Centre under (b) above plus the profit necessary to avoid loss on export then this margin also will become payable to the Government.

3. Those Flour Mills who intend to export wheat products immediately and replace the quantity of wheat taken from the Central Government by their own imports later on, in accordance with the Public Notice, dated the 5th September, 1953 referred to in paragraph 1 above, will be allowed to do so. The conditions on which wheat will be released in such cases by Government are as follows:—

- (i) The price of wheat will be Rs. 17/-/- per maund.
- (ii) The Mills can make outright purchases of wheat at this rate or take it on loan from Government after furnishing the requisite Banker's guarantee.
- (iii) Where Mills wish to replace wheat taken from Government with an equivalent quantity of wheat to be imported on their own account the Mills will be initially charged at the rate of Rs. 15/8/- per maund and if they are unable to replace wheat within a period of 6 months from the date of taking over the loan the balance of Rs. 1/8/- per maund will become recoverable from them.
- (iv) In case wheat products manufactured out of wheat taken on loan from Government are not exported within the period of 6 months it will be assumed that the wheat products so manufactured will be disposed of locally in which case the Mill concerned will also be liable to pay an *additional* amount of Rs. 2/1/- per maund, i.e. the difference between the price of wheat issued for manufacturing wheat products for export purposes and the price fixed for issue of wheat for manufacturing fines for internal consumption.

4. It has also been decided to permit Roller Flour Mills to export bran and pollard obtained in the process of milling wheat into wheat products for export purposes. The quantity of bran and pollard that will be allowed to be exported will not exceed 40 per cent. (20 per cent. bran and 20 per cent. pollard) of the wheat utilised for conversion into fines (Maida, Suji or Rawa) only. In the case of conversion of wheat into Atta, or Atta and fines together for export purposes the quantity of bran that will be allowed to be exported will not exceed 20 per cent. of the wheat utilised for this purpose. It is understood that the Flour Mills will in any case be exporting the bran.

5. Parties other than Roller Flour Mills will also be permitted to export wheat products (including bran and pollard) obtained out of wheat taken by the Mills from Government for conversion into Atta or fines for export purposes.

6. Any party who, however, wishes to export fines already manufactured out of imported wheat issued to the mills for the manufacture of fines for internal consumption and in their possession and who do not wish to follow the procedure prescribed in paragraphs 2 and 3 above will be permitted to do so.

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